

REMARKS

The specification has been amended. Claims 1 - 2, 5 - 7, 14, 19, 21 - 23, 25 - 27, 34, 41 - 45, 47 - 48, 50, 52 - 56, 58 - 59, and 61 have been amended. Claims 63 - 64 have been added. No new matter has been introduced with these amendments or added claims, all of which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 3 - 4 have been cancelled from the application without prejudice. Claims 1 - 2 and 5 - 64 are now in the application.

I. Objections to the Claims

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action dated January 31, 2005 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that Claim 5 is objected to because of informalities, and Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that Claim 6 is objected to because of informalities. Appropriate correction has been made herein, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw these objections.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Paragraph 7 of the Office Action states that Claims 1 - 9, 11 - 12, 21 - 24, 27 - 31, 35 - 36, 40 - 44, 48 - 49, 51 - 55, 59 - 60, and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,560,633 to Roberts et al. Claims 3 - 4 have been cancelled from the application without prejudice. This rejection is respectfully traversed with regard to the remaining claims.

Applicants have amended their independent Claims 1, 41, and 52 to more clearly specify that the "new distributed software service" is to be accessible using a content aggregation

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framework (Claim 1, lines 3 - 4) and that a "located service" is "provid[ed] ... to a service composition tool with which a user can select provided services ... if the located service has a deployment interface specification ... and a functional interface specification ... the deployment interface specification adapted for representing the located service in the service composition tool and the functional interface specification adapted for enabling a proxying component to provide access to the located service from the content aggregation framework" (Claim 1, lines 8 - 14).

Applicants find no teaching, nor any suggestion, in Roberts of a content aggregation framework or services that are to be accessible from such framework, nor of services having a deployment interface specification "adapted for representing the located service in [a] service composition tool" and a functional interface specification "adapted for enabling a proxying component to provide access to the located service from the content aggregation framework". Applicants' independent Claims 1, 41, and 52 are therefore deemed patentable over the reference. Dependent Claims 5 - 9, 11 - 12, 21 - 24, 27 - 31, 35 - 36, 40, 42 - 44, 48 - 49, 51, 53 - 55, 59 - 60, and 62 are therefore deemed patentable over the reference as well, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the §102 rejection.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Paragraph 46 of the Office Action states that Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roberts in view of U. S. Patent 6,792,605 to Roberts et al. (Applicants note that this '605 patent is mistyped in the Office Action as 6,782,605, and is

referred to therein as "Booth".) Paragraph 49 of the Office Action states that Claims 20, 47, and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roberts in view of U. S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0034771 to Hutsch et al. Paragraph 53 of the Office Action states that Claims 13 - 16, 45, and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roberts in view of U. S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0184070 to Chen et al. Paragraph 60 of the Office Action states that Claims 25, 26, 32, 33, 37, 38, 50, and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roberts in view of U. S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0111848 to White. (Applicants note that this citation should refer to Claim 61 instead of Claim 60.) These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that Roberts '633 fails to teach the limitations of their independent claims. Accordingly, dependent Claims 10, 13 - 16, 20, 25 - 26, 32 - 33, 37 - 38, 45, 47, 50, 56, 58, and 61 cannot be rendered obvious by combining Roberts '633 with the above-cited references. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the §103 rejections.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Paragraph 69 of the Office Action states that Claims 17 - 19, 34, 39, 46, and 57 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Added Claim 63 specifies limitations from Claims 1, 7, 13, 16, 18, and 19. Added Claim 64 specifies the limitation from Claim 17. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that added Claims 63 - 64

are allowable as currently presented.

V. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejected claims, withdrawal of all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of all remaining claims at an early date.

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